

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)  
U.S. Appln. No. 09/670,616

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 21-32 are all the claims pending in the application.

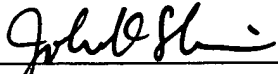
An Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 was filed on May 16, 2003. To date, the Examiner has not responded to the §1.116 Amendment. Entry and consideration of the §1.116 Amendment is respectfully requested.

The specification is amended as shown in the Appendix for clarity. Review and reconsideration on the merits are respectfully requested along with entry of the Amendment.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

**Please amend page 18, line 14, to page 19, line 6, as follows:**

As described above, a flattening layer is formed on a flexible support member, and a seed layer is provided between the above layer and a nonmagnetic primer layer which is formed as a primer layer of the magnetic layer, and the linear expansion coefficient and the tensile strength of the seed layer and the nonmagnetic primer layer were set to specific values. As a result, film strength is increased, and it is possible to prevent cracking due to thermal expansion which occurs when the magnetic recording medium is exposed to a temperature increase or [cooling] decrease during the manufacturing process, and the magnetic recording medium for high density recording can be manufactured in a stable manner.